United States Court of Appeals For the First Circuit

No. 05-2773

JOHN J. CONNOLLY, JR.,

Petitioner, Appellant,

v.

UNITED STATES,

Respondent, Appellee.

Before

Torruella, Lynch and Howard, Circuit Judges.

JUDGMENT Entered: August 30, 2006

After carefully reviewing the record, we deny petitioner's request for a certificate of appealability. We add only the following.

Insofar as petitioner seeks to rely on the decisions in Apprendi v. New Jersey, 530 U.S. 466 (2000), and <u>United States</u> v. Booker, 543 U.S. 220 (2005), his claim fails because neither case is retroactively applicable to cases on collateral review. Sepulveda v. United States, 330 F.3d 55, 61-63 (1st Cir. 2003) (Apprendi); Cirilo-Munoz v. United States, 404 F.3d 527, 532-33 (1st Cir. 2005) (Booker). His claim that the sentencing court erred by failing to conduct judicial fact finding has already been rejected by this court on direct review. United States v. Connolly, 341 F.3d 16 (1st Cir. 2003). Since his substantive claims are without merit, petitioner could not have suffered any cognizable prejudice from any alleged procedural errors below.

The request for a certificate of appealability is denied and the appeal is terminated.

Certified and Issued as Mandate under Fed. R. App. R 41.

Richard Cushing Donovan, Clerk

Deputy Clerk

Date: 10/23/0€

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